

# **Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association**

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 15, 2025

## **Agenda**

**Agenda:**

**Public Comments:**

**Correspondence:**

**Review of Minutes:**

**Treasurer Report:** Mark Twichell

**Town Representative:** Chris Schaeffer

**Village Representative:** Michelle Twichell

**Librarian Report:** Graham Tedesco-Blair

**Archivist Report:** Catherine Oag-Miller

**Curator Report:** Max Walters

**Old Business:** Board member search update

2025 Budget

**New Business:**

**Calendar:**

**Adjournment:**

# **Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association**

## **Board of Trustees Minutes**

December 18th, 2024

**Present:** Graham Tedesco-Blair, Kathy Petersen, Kitty Crow, Max Walters, Catherine Oag-Miller, Mark Twichell, Linda Prechtel, David Dengler, Margaret Gray, Mandi Shepp, Bird Padgett

**Absent:** Jon Weekly

**Village Representative:** Michelle Twichell

**Town Representative:** absent

**Review of Minutes:** approved with correction: Twichell with no T

**Correspondence:** Observer article: nice review of Sports Exhibit

**Public Comment:** none

**Treasurer Report:** Mark reviews BLB's report & year's review of 2024 budget

**Town Representative:** absent

**Village Representative:** re: M&T plowing snow against DRB building – snow has been removed. Chuck LaBarbara will keep an eye out for further problems.

- Village budget: cuts need to be made, but no info on library money yet
- The Cable Board is returning, & may be able assist with historic programming

**Librarian Report:** Graham reviews written report, accepted

**Archivist Report:** Catherine reviews written report, accepted

**Curator Report:** Max reviews written report, accepted

**Old Business:** \*Bylaws: board member removal policy has been reworded (adapted from Prendergast)- removed cause/no cause wording. Mark moved to accept, Mandi 2nds, motion passed

\*Darren Paschke may still be interested in board position in spring – we'll reinvite him for January meeting

**New Business:** 2025 budget proposed & reviewed. Deficit hopefully will be offset by fundraising & savings

**Executive Session:** 4:50 – 5:15pm

**New Business:** Graham raised additional 3%, further reduction in budget deficit to be proposed at January meeting (no reductions in staff costs)

**Calendar**

# **Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association**

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 15, 2025

## **Library Report**

*Miracle on Main St* – We did not cancel, and Santa visited to read a story to the kids. Holiday crafts were also made, alongside events at the Museum.

*Annual Report to State* – reporting opens shortly, meeting in Jamestown on 22<sup>nd</sup> to go over changes

*Annual Report to Community* – 99% done, just needs correct budget numbers

*Annual Appeal Drive* – 12 donors, raised \$2,065 so far

*Art Vending Machine* – Brought you by Fredonia Art Teachers Mackenzie Sheldon and Brandy Noody, this gumball looking machine dispenses small works of art, including beaded bracelets, polymer clay creations, polymer clay dragon eyes, and clay pins. Our thanks to Bird for arranging its placement at the Library!

*Print Newsletter* – January issue set to go out shortly, big thanks to Bird for coordinating, writing, laying out, and arranging publication!

*Meet a Hedgehog* – Farmer Mike brought in Hedgehogs Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> to the enjoyment of many kiddos. Many thanks to Carey for arranging!

*Book Talk* – Marcy O'Brien was in to talk about her new book *Rounding Third* on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. We had 7 attendees.

*Mah Jongg Open Play* – Every Wednesday at 1 pm. Library has purchased two sets of tiles, and tables were donated by Ann Janik, who ran the class this past November and December.

*Art Show* – In the Weeds, drawings by SUNY Fredonia professor Abbey Paccia

Door Count – 3,115 in 2024 vs. 3422 in 2023. Down a little bit, likely due to winter weather closings

## December 2024 Programming Stats

### CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions: 5

Storytime Attendance

Kids 44

Adults 29

12/7 Miracle on Main Street

Card-making

12 attendees

Santa Visit

Kids 25

Adults 15

Angel ornaments

25 attendees

12/13 ABCD visit

Kids 5

Adults 3

12/19 Santa's Workshop

Kids 5

Adults 1

Friends of Barker Library Holiday  
Gift Bag Giveaway Drawing

Participants 100

Miracle on Main Street Gift Bags

94 given away

### ADULT

12/14 Author Visit

7 attendees

12 /10 Mah Jong

4 attendees

Computer programs

Individual tutoring: 7  
participants

# **Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 15, 2025**

Archivist's Report

01/08/2025

### *Collections*

- 53 items were catalogued into Past Perfect, and home locations were assigned to 109
- Five SensorPush sensors have been installed in 205 Archives, 204 Storage, Children's Museum, Belden Gallery, and Manley Gallery. This allows for real-time monitoring of temperature and humidity and will alert me to any concerning changes in these areas.
- Canadaway Creek Anthropology Project, Adams Ephemera, and Village Papers Collections are ongoing.

### *Exhibits*

- I have installed a new archive exhibit in the Belden Gallery, featuring a selection of Fredonia's early settlers. This replaces the display of archival items belonging to the Barker family, which had been on display since 2022.

# Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

## Board of Trustees Meeting

January 15, 2025

### Curator's Report

#### Exhibits

- "We are the Champions: A Dynamic Celebration of Athletics in Fredonia" opened to the public on Saturday, November 23rd, and will continue to rotate the featured sports. Current exhibits include mixed martial arts, track and field, dance, football, and baseball; upcoming sports will be aquatic and basketball for winter and spring. Catherine and Katherine are also developing an adapted version of the Chautauqua County Sports Hall of Fame for the hallway between the Steele Room and Library.

#### Outreach

- According to Facebook statistics, the museum's social media page received 7,000 views and content (including photos, posts, etc.) received 16,000 views.
- The museum will welcome two new interns during the Spring semester.
- Lafayette Bicentennial exhibit and programs are being planned; the village has been notified, reenactors are confirmed, and the Grange has been booked for events. NCCF Grant letter of interest due March 1 (?).

#### Collections

- Artifacts Acquired and Accessioned in 2024: 1,710.

#### Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in December: 62
- Cataloging update: 275 objects cataloged in PastPerfect in December.
- Volunteer hours in December: 139

Visitation

